

Seasonal Job Opportunities

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests

Saratoga, Wyoming

The Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland (www.fs.usda.gov/mbr) is looking for summer employees interested in natural resources management to work on field crews this coming 2014 season. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years old at the time of employment. In order to qualify for a GS-3 (or entry level) position, applicants must have at least 6 months of general work experience. Most college upperclassmen or those with additional work experience could qualify at the GS-4 level. Graduates and/or those with other related work experience could qualify for the GS-5 and GS-6 levels. Most positions would begin work in late May or early June, and candidates can potentially work through September.



These positions assist with natural resource management duties on the Forest and include both field and office work. Field work requires the ability to hike, wade, lift, carry and use equipment in rugged terrain and in all types of weather. The ability to work safely and work well in a team environment is necessary, including the ability to enjoy living in remote mountain or grassland settings. A valid driver's license is required, and overnight travel to different locations on the Forest may also be required. Certain crews may be required to camp out overnight during the week. The following positions may be available for the 2014 field season:

Archeological Technician positions assist in archeological field surveys by recording historic and prehistoric cultural resources as well as testing archeological sites. Both field and office work are required. The ability to hike as much as 10 miles per day in rugged terrain is required for field work. Office work including data entry, map production, and archival research comprises approximately 25% of the job.



Biological Aid/Technician-Fisheries positions assist with fisheries/aquatics management duties on the Forest and include both field (approximately 80%) and office (approximately 20%) work. Job duties typically include amphibian surveys in May-June followed by electrofishing and aquatic habitat surveys in July-August. Fisheries technicians typically assist with a variety of other inventories, monitoring, and restoration projects throughout the course of the summer, especially those projects that are associated with aquatic organism passage projects.

Biological Aid/Technician-Wildlife job duties include monitoring known raptor nests, searching for new raptor nests, spraying weeds with backpack sprayers, documenting sightings of uncommon wildlife, and counting snowshoe hare pellet plots. Other duties include monitoring bald eagle nests and surveying for amphibians. Crew members will be expected to hike while carrying field equipment and may also camp occasionally.



Forestry Aid-Fire/Technician (Engine Operator) positions serve on a Type 6 Engine crew with the primary responsibility of assisting in wildland fire and fuels management. The job duties have the potential to include multiple day fire assignments, in remote locations, digging fireline for 12 plus hours per day, and camping in spike camps for up to 14 days at a time. Job duties include completing fireline construction, use of water pumps and fire engines, working in and around fire suppression aircraft,

and maintenance of various power and hand tools (including chainsaws, axes, shovels, Pulaskis, and McLeods). When not engaged in fire suppression activities, the job involves a variety of project work such as road and trail maintenance, wildlife habitat manipulation, and miscellaneous equipment/facilities maintenance may also be performed. Daily physical training is required. The ability to perform duties under stressful and adverse operating conditions, such as long work hours, heavy workloads, emergency

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situations, adverse working and environmental conditions is a must. Passing a Work Capacity Test at the arduous level (hiking 3 miles within 45 minutes while carrying 45 pounds) is required.

Forestry Aid/Technician-Recreation positions are responsible for fee collection, maintenance, repair, and cleaning of developed recreation sites on the Forest. Additional compliance and travel management work using All Terrain Vehicles to patrol and gather data is required. Additional work includes assisting volunteers stationed at visitor centers and campgrounds.

Forestry Aid/Technician-Trails duties include maintaining and clearing wilderness and non-wilderness trails by hiking long distances removing timber, brushing, overhead clearing, tread work, water bar construction and other site specific trail needs. Overnight camping in remote locations may be required. Familiarity with crosscut saws, chainsaws, adze, axe, pruners and rock bars is necessary. Additional work may include wilderness surveys along trails in wilderness areas.



Forestry Aid/Technician-Timber Sale Preparation positions serve as part of a seasonal timber crew and work in the field daily to prepare various timber sales and/or stewardship projects by marking wildlife trees, boundaries, and cut/leave trees. Timber will be cruised using standard forestry equipment including diameter tapes, clinometers, relaskops, prisms, and Global Positioning Systems.



Hydrological Technician duties include a diverse range of surveys, inventory, monitoring, and restoration. Inventories will be conducted on roads and water development facilities to determine if management could be improved. Inventories will also be conducted on Forest Service water rights and information will be entered into databases. Monitoring will include physical and chemical parameters. The positions will assist with a variety of watershed restoration projects to improve aquatic resources.

Range Technician positions will assist with natural resource duties in both field and office work. Field work requires the ability to hike, wade, lift, carry and use equipment in a variety of terrain and weather. Duties will include monitoring upland and riparian vegetation areas, treating noxious weeds, inspecting grazing allotments, planning and oversight of range improvement construction (fences and water developments), and evaluating livestock grazing management.



Office Automation Clerk job duties include a variety of clerical work such as answering and routing phone calls, greeting visitors, providing Forest information to the public as requested, selling Forest products, filing, and assisting in general office procedures.

The duty station for these positions will be Saratoga, Wyoming (www.saratogachamber.info/). Limited government housing may be available for about \$5/day. Pets are prohibited in government housing and on the job. Other restrictions for use of government housing apply. This is a great opportunity to spend a summer in the field and learn about the US Forest Service's role in natural resource management. It is our goal to recruit, retain, and develop a diverse, high-performing Federal workforce that draws from all segments of society and values fairness, diversity, and inclusion.

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**All applications must be competed in USAJobs.gov
to receive full consideration for these positions.**

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact:

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